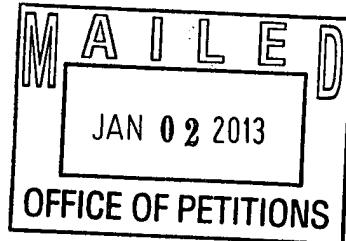




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In re Patent No. 6,078,179
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Filed: April 24, 1997
Title: SELECTIVE POLARIZATION
MATCHING FILTER FOR TRIGGERING AND
MAXIMIZING RAPID DIELECTROKINESIS
RESPONSE

DECISION ON PETITION

This is in response to the petition under 1.378(c), filed October 4, 2012, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the maintenance fee in an expired patent.

The petition is granted.

The patent issued on June 20, 2000. The third maintenance fee could have been paid during the period from June 20, 2011 through December 20, 2011, or with a surcharge during the period from December 21, 2011 through June 20, 2012. Accordingly, this patent expired on June 21, 2012, for failure to timely remit the third maintenance fee.

Patentee timely filed the present petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c) within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e). Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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